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Dr. Philips announces retirement; search committee appointed

Members of the Presidential Search Committee are (left to right): Edith Atkins, Ann Cousins, William Adams, Sid Harmon, Joanna Adams, Charles Cousar, Sloan McCrea, McCoy Franklin. Not pictured: William Bryant, Erskine Love.

DR. J. DAVISON PHILIPS, President of Columbia Theological Seminary since January 1976, has announced his intention to retire by June 1987. At its meeting in November, the seminary's Board of Directors appointed a search committee for Columbia's next president.

In his ten years as president, Dr. Philips has seen the seminary's enrollment increase from 182 students to 485; the faculty has grown from 20 members to 29. The number of degree programs has increased from four to six. Columbia's endowment, which stood at $6.2 million in 1976, is now $20 million. The Seminary's annual budget rose from $1 million to this year's $3.7 million.

President Philips is moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Committee on Theological Education, which recently merged with the former United Presbyterian (USA) Council on Theological Seminaries. He is also chair of the University Center in Georgia and a member of the Board of Trustees of Agnes Scott College and Presbyterian College, of the Atlanta Rotary Club and of the Atlanta Christian Council.

A pastor as well as an educator, Dr. Philips served as a chaplain in the Navy from 1943 to 1945, as assistant pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta from 1947 to 1950, and as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Thomasville, GA, from 1950 to 1954 and of Decatur, GA, Presbyterian Church from 1954 until 1975.

Dr. Philips holds the Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh. He has received honorary doctorate degrees from Presbyterian College and Hampden-Sydney College, from which he earned a bachelor's degree in 1940. He graduated from Columbia Seminary in 1943.

The Board of Directors has appointed a 10-member search committee, which consists of Board members representing each of the seminary's three supporting synods, a seven-state area; from the alumni/ae association; from the faculty; and from the student body.

Board members representing the Syond of the Southeast (Georgia and South Carolina) are Ann D. Cousins, elder at North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta and chair of the PC(USA)'s Mission Continuation Committee, and Erskine Love, founder and president of Printpack, Inc. and a trustee of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. From the Synod of Florida, the search committee members are Jacksonville resident Edith Atkins, office manager and assistant stated clerk of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, and Miamian Sloan McCrea, vice chair and treasurer of Peninsula Federal Savings and Loan Association. The Synod of the Mid-South (Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi) is represented by McCoy Franklin, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Auburn, AL, and William Bryant, pastor of First and Downtown Presbyterian Churches, Nashville.

The alumni/ae association representative is Joanna Adams, a '79 graduate and associate pastor of Atlanta's Central Presbyterian Church. Charles Cousar, who is an alumnus and Professor of New Testament, represents the faculty, while Sid Harmon, who will graduate in 1987, is the student body representative. Dr. William A. Adams, an alumnus and chair of Columbia's Board of Directors, serves as ex officio member of the search committee.

Names and addresses of the members of the search committee may be found on page 8.□

Forum participants heard the Rev. Leighton Ford in 1985.

1986 Columbia Forum

THREE WELL-KNOWN CHURCHPEOPLE highlight Columbia's 1986 Forum. The Forum, which is built around a guest preacher and two lecturers, takes place February 4-7. In addition to the lectures and worship services, Forum is also the time for alumni/ae festivities and class reunions.

The three worship services will be led by the Rev. Joan SalmonCampbell, associate executive for the mission program for Philadelphia Presbytery. The worship services will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Columbia Presbyterian Church on February 4, 5, and 6.

This year's Smyth Lecturer is Dr. Hendrikus Berkof, Professor Emeritus of Dogmatics and Biblical Theology at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. Professor Berkof plans to deliver three lectures dealing with Christian faith in the 80's. Dr. Berkof's lectures will rake place at 11 a.m. on Feb. 5 and at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 6 and 7 at the Columbia church.

The Rev. Will Campbell, prize-winning author, holds the Alumni/ae Lectureship. Director of the Committee of Southern Churchmen since 1962, Mr. Campbell plans to do some readings from a book in progress and talk about the state of the local church. His book, *Brother to a Dragonfly*, was called by *Time* "one of the best books of the 1970s." Mr. Campbell's lecrures will take place at

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From the President

J. Davison Philips

WHEN SOMEONE SAYS to you, "I've been praying for you!", what is your reaction? Ironically, people sometimes feel anxious and think, "Is there something wrong with me?" or "Has something awful happened that I don't know about yet?" Isn't it ironic that we think of prayer in that context, but at times we do.

However, most of the time we feel very grateful for that person's concern and support. Here at Columbia, many of us know that your prayers for us are a tremendous help in our great mission. Let me say a fervent "Thank you" to those of you who pray for God's guidance and wisdom for each of us on this campus and those scattered across the church in internships in parishes and hospitals. Your prayers for all of us, including me, make a difference.

Let me be specific in asking that you focus from time to time on these areas of life at Columbia:

1. Pray for *students*, that they be sustained in the midst of study, work, and personal life.
2. Pray for *faculty and staff*, that they may find strength in the midst of heavy responsibilities and many tasks.
3. Pray for *families*, that our seminary community may be a place of nurture and grace for them.
4. Pray for our *seniors* as they seek calls to service in the days ahead.
5. Pray for our supporting *constituency*, that our partnership may be nurtured and blessed.
6. Pray that *resources* needed to carry out our mission may be provided.
7. Pray that all that we do may *glorify God* and serve the Church and the world.

May we all be continually grateful for God's grace and guidance in our midst!

Faithfully yours,

J. Davison Philips

Dr. George Stroup

Stroup called as professor

DR. GEORGE W. STROUP has been named Professor of Theology at Columbia Seminary. Professor Stroup began teaching at Columbia January 1.

Dr. Stroup left the position of associate professor of systematic theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he taught since 1980. He taught at Princeton Theological Seminary from 1974 to 1980 and for one year at The University of the South.

Dr. Stroup earned the B.A. from Rice University, the B.D. and S.T.M. degrees from Yale University, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Vanderbilt University. He was ordained for the Presbyterian ministry in 1973.

Professor Stroup is a member of several boards, including the American Academy of Religion, the Karl Barth Society of North America, the Calvin Studies Society, and the editorial board of *Homiletic*. The author of numerous articles and reviews, Dr. Stroup has written the book, *The Promise of Narrative Theology: Recovering the Gospel in the Church*, published by the John Knox Press in 1981 and by SCM Press in Great Britain in 1984.

In his service to the Presbyterian Church (USA), Dr. Stroup is a member of the Council on Theology and Culture and the Select Committee on a Brief Confession of Faith.

Dr. Stroup is married to Donna Fox, who was on the statistics faculty at the University of Texas. She has accepted a position in research at the Center for Disease Control. The Stroups have two children and are living in Decatur.

Commenting on Dr. Stroup's appointment, President Philips said, "We are very fortunate to have one of the rising young Presbyterian theologians in the country coming to Columbia. He will strengthen an already strong faculty." □

Dr. Richards writes book

As I Remember It: Columbia Seminary 1932-1971, Dr. J. McDowell Richards' personal account of the years of his presidency, has just been published by the CTS Press and is being offered for sale through the seminary bookstore.

This book is a marvelous collection of interesting facts and personal memories. Dr. Richards' story will be enjoyed by everyone who reads it. Each church library should include this history of Columbia Seminary.

To order your copy, send payment and the order form below to the CTS Bookstore. Please allow 3 to 4 weeks for delivery. Copies of Dr. Richards' book were mailed to all Columbia Seminary alumni/ae.

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9 a.m. at the Columbia church on Feb. 5, 6, and 7.

Alumni/ae Association activities will run throughout the Forum. On Wednesday, Feb. 5, Dr. Randolph Kowalski '60, senior pastor of First Church, Greenville, SC, will be the speaker at the Annual Alumni/ae Luncheon and Association Meeting.

The reunion classes and their spouses will hold their luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 6. The following serve as reunion chairpersons:

1931 & earlier - Wallace Alston
1936 - McLeod Frampton
1941 - Don Bailey
1946 - Clyde Plexico
1951 - Al Harris
1956 - Bill Adams
1961 - Don Collins
1966 - Harry Daniel
1971 - Pat Willson
1976 - Joan Gray
1981 - Mary Jane Cornell
1985 - John Herndon.

The classes prior to and including 1931 are issued a special invitation by their chairperson, Wallace Alston. It is hoped we will have a large turnout of alumni from this select group.

Women students and alumnae will enjoy a special supper together on Thursday evening. Wives of alumni are invited to a tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Philips on Thursday afternoon.

A symposium on peacemaking in the world context, led by Columbia's Peace Fellowship and Students for Missionary Inquiry, is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. And three times have been set aside for informal questions and conversation with the lecturers and the preacher.

All alumni/ae and other interested clergy and lay people are invited to the campus for this full week of lectures, worship, and reunions. □

Phase I campaign begun

BY ACTION OF the Board of Directors, Columbia Seminary has launched a campaign to raise $6,000,000 during the next three years, 1986-1988, for a variety of needs. This campaign is Phase I of the Seminary's Long Range 15-Year Financial Plan.

The Campaign calls for funds to begin a massive program in continuing education, the establishment of a new academic chair for the faculty, renovation of four buildings on campus, and endowment for scholarship aid.

A "kick-off" commitment of $1,000,000 has already been made by a Presbyterian couple with an interest in the field of continuing education.

The Phase I Campaign Funds will be secured through individuals, foundations, corporations, and agencies. Churches will not be involved in this first phase but will be in Phase II during the early 1990's.

Phase I Campaign
1986 - 1988

For Continuing Education	$1,000,000
For a to-be-named chair of Bible	1,000,000
For Renovations	1,000,000
Campbell Hall	300,000
Student Center	300,000
Friendship Apartments	200,000
Library	200,000
For international student program	1,000,000
For scholarship aid program	2,000,000
	$6,000,000

Dr. Walter Brueggemann

Brueggemann joins faculty

DR. WALTER BRUEGGEMANN, internationally known Biblical scholar, has accepted a permanent position as Professor of Old Testament on the faculty at Columbia Seminary, President J. Davison Philips has announced.

Said Dr. Philips, "With the election of Dr. Brueggemann as Professor of Old Testament, Columbia Seminary's Bible department is regarded as one of the strongest in any theological seminary. The six-position department provides our students, in all our degree programs, with excellent teaching and resources for ministry in today's world."

Dr. Brueggemann, who will begin teaching at Columbia this summer, will be leaving the position of Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Theological Seminary in Missouri. He received his bachelor's degree from Elmhurst College, the B.D. from Eden Seminary, the Th.D. from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and the Ph.D. from St. Louis University. Dr. Brueggemann was named a Rockefeller Fellow and has studied at Heidelberg and Cambridge universities.

Since 1977 Dr. Brueggemann has averaged writing a book a year, including such works as *Genesis*, *Praying the Psalms*, *I Kings*, *II Kings*, *The Message of the Psalms*, *The Bible Makes Sense*, and *The Prophetic Imagination*. He is also the author of numerous articles in journals including *Interpretation*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, and *Horizons in Biblical Theology*.

His professional involvements have included chairing the Old Testament Theology Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and editing the Overtures Book Series for Fortress Press. Dr. Brueggemann has also served as a member of the advisory council for *Interpretation*, a member of the executive committee for the Association of Theological Schools, and on the editorial council for the Journal of Biblical Literature.

Dr. Brueggemann is married to Mary Bonner Miller, an ordained minister and the daughter of Dr. Lila Bonner Miller and the late Dr. P.D. Miller. The Brueggemanns have two sons and will be living in Decatur.

Commenting on Dr. Brueggemann's appointment, Dr. James Newsome, chair of Columbia's Bible department said, "As a writer and speaker of international reputation, Professor Brueggemann will bring to his work here the highest standards of Biblical scholarship. And as a committed churchman, he will be entirely at home with the purposes and priorities of this institution. I am sure that the many friends of Columbia Seminary who already know Professor Brueggemann and his work will feel, as do we in the Biblical area, that his addition to our faculty is deeply significant of the quality of theological education which Columbia Seminary intends to offer to the church."□

Board actions

AT ITS MEETING in November, in addition to appointing a search committee for Columbia's next president, Columbia's Board of Directors named Dr. C. Benton Kline President Emeritus, authorized a Phase I Campaign to raise $6 million by 1988, approved faculty requests for sabbatic leaves, and reappointed personnel to new three-year terms.

Dr. Kline came to Columbia Seminary in 1969 as Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Theology; he remained in those positions until 1971, when he was elected president of the seminary. In 1975 he returned to teaching; he retired from his full-time position on Dec. 31. However, he will continue to teach as Adjunct Professor. In its tribute presented to Dr. Kline, the Board expressed its appreciation to him for "his able, courageous and creative leadership for the past 17 years and prays for God's continued blessing on his ministry here and throughout the Church."

Professor Robert Ramey received approval for a sabbatic leave during this coming spring semester, and Professor Frederick O. Bonkovsky was granted sabbatic leave for the fall semester 1986 and spring semester 1987.

Librarian James Overbeck, Readers Services Librarian Christine Wenderoth, and R. Lee Carroll were reappointed to new three-year terms. Mr. Carroll's title was changed to Assistant Professor and Director of Supervised Ministry.

The Board also commended Professor Emeritus Hubert B. Taylor for "his willingness to continue to teach a course in communications and for his excellence in teaching." In addition, Dr. John Patton was appointed Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Counseling.□

The Right Rev. Neville de Souza

Anglican Bishop de Souza is visiting scholar

EACH YEAR NEW and fascinating faces appear on Columbia's campus; among these are the international students and scholars. A particularly dignified and gentle Jamaican man has added much richness to the Columbia communiry this year; he is the Right Reverend Neville de Souza, Bishop of Jamaica, who some have called "the most influential churchman in the English-speaking Caribbean."

A visiting scholar under the auspices of Columbia Seminary and the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, Bishop de Souza is using this sabbatic year to study specific concepts which relate to his concerns for the Anglican church in Jamaica.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Bishop de Souza worked ten years for the Internal Revenue Service before attending St. Peter's Theological College, which has merged with The United Theological College of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. He was ordained a deacon in 1958 and became a priest in 1959.

After 14 years as a parish priest, he was consecrated in 1973 as Bishop of Montego Bay, one of Jamaica's three diocesan regions. He has served in his present position as Bishop of Jamaica since 1979. He lives in Jamaica with his wife, Iona, who remains there this year; their son and two daughters are in the United States at present.

When describing the church in Jamaica, Bishop de Souza begins by emphasizing the colonial foundations of the church as the Church of England in Jamaica. Though the church had been present in Jamaica since 1660, it became a diocese officially in 1825 under the title, "The Church of England in Jamaica." The British abolished slavery in 1834, and "the creation of a Jamaican diocese was another means of facilitating autonomy for the emerging Jamaican people," says Bishop de Souza. The first native Bishop of Jamaica was enthroned in 1956. Bishop de Souza leads the church as the fourth native diocesan bishop.

As bishop, he oversees the administration, policy, and spiritual direction of the Church. He has pastoral responsibilities to both clergy and laity with special emphasis on episcopal functions, duties shared with two suffragan bishops.

For Bishop de Souza the transformation of a colonial church into a national church remains the essential, continuing task for the Anglican church in Jamaica. He says, "During this sabbatic year, I am seeking to clarify a Christian theology of liberation which is biblically based and rooted in social processes. A national church in Jamaica must strive to create structures which promote justice and wholeness within the society."

Bishop de Souza's voice takes on a special energy as he leans forward to make a point: "We have put aside the Old Testament although it could be used to inform our social organization. I intend to study the social/historic realities of the Old Testament so that I can identify in the history, culture, and social structures of Israel paradigms for social organization in our day."

He sees the Old Testamant as pointing to the "shalom" kingdom of God which Christ affirms and fulfills. In other words, Christ sets forth the perfect model for relationships between people in society. Bishop de Souza explains that Christ shows people their "potential for actualizing the ideal."

In addition, the bishop is

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exploring the many connections between sociology, theology, and psychology in courses at Emory's Candler School of Theology, where, he continues, "I am involved in a course on sociery, personality, and ethics. The course pays special attention ro the dialectic between rhese rhree areas of human concern and the way the interaction impinges on our quest for freedom, integrity and wholeness." He is focusing on foundations of Christian spirituaiiry and is working wirh a Dominican priesr ar Candler on specific practices of spiritual formation.

Finally, he chuckles, smoorhes his gray hairs, and adds, "In the area of gerontology I am pursuing my interest in maturiry and spiritual growth as the developmental tasks of the aging. I am doing this nor only in search for the benefits which might accrue to the faithful of the Church in Jamaica, bur also because of personal interest in a creative experience of rhis process in my own advancing years."

Along with his evident concern for the church in Jamaica, Bishop de Souza has evinced a deep and active interest in the global church. He has served on the Jamaica Council of Churches and on the Metropolitan Council of the Anglican/Episcopal Church in Cuba. In a wider sphere, the bishop led the Caribbean Conference of Churches as one of three presidents from 1977 to 1981. He also participates in the Anglican communion as a bishop of the Province of the West Indies and as treasurer of the provincial synod.

Bishop de Souza represented the Province of the West Indies at the fifrh assembly of rhe World Council of Churches in Nairobi in 1975. At that time he was elected to the Central Committee of the WCC, composed of some 145 members. He was elected to a second term on the Central Committee in 1983. He has worked as a vice-moderator in the Unit of Justice and Service, one of the four basic units of the WCC. This work ties in well with his national concerns, for it deals with issues of human development, justice, medical and economic relief, and international affairs.

"Within Jamaica, I believe that the church must deal with divisions inherent in a multiracial and culturally pluralist sociery in order to create the foundations for justice and wholeness. The church has neglected its duty to speak out on matters of social organization today. If the church remains silent, the voice will come from elsewhere," he states.

In a worship service the bishop led for the seminaty community, he wore his green Eucharistic vestments and mitre, symbolizing his ecclesiastical office and function. His voice commanded attention and respect for God's word. This gentle and determined man will continue to speak out as one working for the wholeness of God's kingdom within the earthly church.☐

Writer Sarah Speed is a first year student from Marietta, GA.

The Rev. Mary Jane Cornell is associate minister at Columbia Presbyterian Church.

"I love the parish!"

"I LOVE THE PARISH!" These enthusiastic words echoed through conversations with six of Columbia's women graduates who currently hold positions in parish ministry. Seminary President J. Davison Philips refers to these graduates as "a strong group of women who are providing significant ministerial leadership within the church."

The Rev. Joyce Rimes is the solo pastor for St. Andrew's Presbyterian, a 170-member church located between two Navy installations in Jacksonville, FL. A 1973 graduate of Columbia, Joyce worked as an assistant pastor in Atlanta for several years before moving to Jacksonville in 1977.

"There is continuing change in St. Andrew's from a survival-oriented attitude to mission-minded goals," says Joyce. She energetically describes the several outreach programs such as Meals-on-Wheels and clothes collections, which enable church members to become involved in personal ministry to the community. "In addition, significant structural improvements give our buildings an appearance of permanence which is important for those caught in a transient life and world," she continues.

For Joyce, her ministry includes a special emphasis on community pastoral care in family crisis situations and on ministry to the poor. "There is a tension between the time I give to these problems and the energy I want to give St. Andrew's," she states. However, she seems to give the church abundant attention as she projects programs on evangelism and stewardship for the coming year.

Looking ahead, Joyce realizes the difficulty of receiving a second call as a 54-year-old woman. Yet, she laughs and says, "I didn't realize I was old." She remains excited about her present work and looks forward to serving as moderator of her presbytery during 1986.

The Rev. Ginny Ellis is also currently serving as a solo pastor. After receiving her degree from Columbia in 1978, Ms. Ellis was ordained in 1980 and functioned as interim pastor for several churches in Florida. She says, "Interim work is like being a foster parent, especially when you face the real difficulty of handing over the loved congregation to a new pastor."

In March 1985 Ginny became pastor at Bayshore Presbyterian in Tampa, FL. Formerly, Bayshore was the only United Presbyerian church in the area and drew members because of this distinction. Ms. Ellis says, "We have many new young families in our area, and since reunion, the church has begun a process of molding to the neighborhood. I feel an air of hope and growth within the church."

"My work is a new challenge, and I hope that the church will continue to grow and define its ministry in the next few years," she adds. She has already initiated several projects, such as church clean-ups and a support group for young mothers. Ginny is involved with presbytery work and has just finished a term as recording clerk. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Columbia Seminary.

"Women bring a fresh approach to ministry," she claims and visualizes many possibilities for women. "I value the developing networks of support for women in ministry. The frustrations are there for us, but we should rejoice and be innovative and creative in following God's call."

The Rev. Alice Johnson graduated from Columbia in 1977 and spent six years in Evergreen, AL, as the first woman solo pastor in Mobile Presbytery. She spent a year obtaining the M.A. in Christian Education at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Va. Currently, she holds the position of Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care and Outreach for Sardis Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC.

"My position provides a new challenge for me. I have the opportunity to develop ministries for needs that have nor been focused on, particularly programs for single, divorced, and widowed people," Alice says, adding, "I also have responsibility for the orientation and assimilation of new members along with the regular duties of home and hospital visitation." Her enrhusiasm for her new position is evident as she describes the developing commitment to the church. "My one regret is that, as an associate pastor, I have limited opportunities to preach."

Ms. Johnson remains concerned about the church's attitude concerning women clergy. She cautions that women should not develop high expectations of becoming solo pastors in big churches. "Each woman should discover herself and look for God's calling. On the whole, I feel positive about my own experience. I believe there are more and more opportunities for women as churches get to know women individually as ministers," she says.

"These graduates are a strong group of women providing significant ministerial leadership."

The Rev. Mary Jane Cornell has held the position of Associate Pastor at Columbia Presbyterian in Decatur, GA, since her graduation in 1981. Though her position is described as half-time, "I find it difficult to limit my responsibilities in education and visitation," Ms. Cornell states.

"I preach once a month and enjoy that opportunity. I find a lot of satisfaction in my contact with members and prospective members," she continues. She has found fulfillment in her presenr position and counsels women not to become too desperate in the search for a call. "You must find the position that really is your call," she concludes.

Upon earning her degree from Columbia in 1979, the Rev. Joanna Adams received a call from Central Presbyterian, a large downtown church in Atlanta. She holds the title of Associate Pastor and Minister to the Community, which she describes as "two full-time jobs. One job involves the pastoral work of teaching, preaching, and administration. In the other job I facilitate the operation of 38 community ministries," she says.

Joanna explains, "I have been involved in Atlanta since I came to Emory University in 1962. This position at Central was a natural outgrowth of my concerns." In addition to her regualr responsibilities,

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Continuing Education Calendar

For further information or to register for courses, call or write:
Douglas W. Hix, Director of Advanced Studies, or
Sara C. Juengst, Associate Director of Advanced Studies
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA 30031 / 404-378-8821.

January 26-31 A WEEK IN THE WINTER WOODS. Hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; a group experience of sharing, interdependency, leadership, self-examination, and reflection. Leader: Doug Hix '53, Columbia professor. Tuition $100.

February 4-7 COLUMBIA FORUM Guest preacher, Joan SalmonCampbell; Alumni/ae Lecturer, Will Campbell; Smyth Lecturer, Hendrikus Berkof. See article on page 1 for more information.

February 27 A DAY FOR WOMEN CLERGY. Guest speaker, Phyllis Trible. Workshops on dual careers, preaching, congregational expectations, networking, sexuality, and more. See article on this page for more information. Tuition $10.

March 20 MINISTRY WITH THE DISABLED Focusing on effective ministry with disabled people. See article on this page for more information. Tuition $10.

March 31-April 7 A WEEK IN JAMAICA. A pilgrimage following Lent and Easter in a Third World country where the Church is strong and vibrant. The week will be spent at the United Theological College in Kingston, seeing urban and rural parish work in Ocho Rios. Leaders: Sara Covin Juengst '83 and Bevis Byfield. Cost: $700, includes travel, room, board. Limited number of scholarships available. See article on this page for more information.

March 31-April 7 TRAINING FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION Helping ministers lead spiritual formation groups in the congregation.

April 8-10 SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT. Designed for clergy and providing time for personal reflection, meditation, and scriptural encounters, along with group experiences of sharing, prayer, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Leader: Ben Johnson, Columbia professor.

April 20-25 A WEEK WITH THE TRAPPISTS AND DOMINICANS A retreat for men at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, GA, and a retreat for women led by the Dominican sisters at Springbank Christian Center, Kingstree, SC, for reformation, relaxation, and spiritual discipline. Leaders: Doug Hix '53 and Sara Juengst '83. Tuition $100.

May 22-June 20 CHINA TRIP. A study tour of the rebirth of the Christian church in China today and the cultural, social, and political context of life in post-Mao China. See this page for article with further information. Leaders: Tommy and Mardia Brown, Lee and Vera Swann. Cost $2,950.

May 23-26 TOGETHER IN MISSION: AN INTERNATIONAL LIVING EXPERIENCE. A weekend experience in international understanding for families. Coordinators: Sara Juengst '83 and Fahed Abu Akel '74. Cost $45 per adult; $35 per child.

Ministry with the disabled

> A major attitudinal barrier which the church must address is the image that persons with disabilities are persons in need. May we begin to see persons with abilities instead, capable of offering leadership and a host of other talents to the church and community. Adapted from *The Acceptable/Accessible Year of the Lord!*, Norman Leach, ed.

On March 21 Columbia is once again sponsoring a one-day seminar on Ministry with the Disabled. Last year, Dr. Harold Wilke and a panel of experts gave a stimulating challenge and provided practical know-how to participants in Columbia's first seminar of this sort.

This year, Jerry Baker, Director of the Ministry with the Deaf Program, Department of Language and Missions of the Georgia Baptist Convention, will make the keynote address at 10:00 a.m. In the afternoon, workshops will be offered on other ministries such as Respite Care for Parents of Disabled Children; Ministry with the Mobility Impaired; Equipping the Local Church for Ministry with the Disabled; and Ministry with the Blind.

Registration for this seminar is $10. For further information, contact Sara Covin Juengst, Office of Advanced Studies, Columbia Seminary, 404/378-8821.□

Weir to speak in January

THE REV AND MRS. Benjamin Weir, PC(USA) missionaries to Lebanon, will be special guests at the Middle East Seminar on Jan. 27 as a part of the Lay School of Bible and Theology at Columbia. The Weirs will be guests of honor at a dinner in the Student Center at 6:00 p.m., at which time Mr. Weir will speak of his experiences as a hostage in Lebanon. At 7:30 p.m. the Weirs will lead the last session of the Middle East Seminar hosted by the Rev. and Mrs. Larry Richards, former missionaries to Lebanon, now missionaries in residence in the Synod of the Southeast.

A limited number of reservations are available by calling Karen Harmon in the Office of Advanced Studies before Jan. 20.□

A day for women clergy

ONE OF AMERICA'S outstanding Old Testament scholars, Dr. Phyllis Trible, will be on the Columbia campus Feb. 27 for a continuing education seminar, "A Day for Women Clergy." Dr. Trible, Baldwin Professor of Sacred Literature at Union Seminary in New York, is the author of *God and the Rhetoric of Sexuality* and *Texts of Terror*.

The main presenter at the continuing education seminar, Dr. Trible will speak at 10:00 a.m. in the seminary chapel on "Theological Issues for 1986." This address is open to the public.

For participants in the day-long event, Dr. Trible will lead a discussion on her work from 11:15 - 12:30 and will join in an informal lunchtime discussion from 12:30 - 2:00.

From 2:00 - 5:15 there will be workshops designed for clergy women. These are open to anyone registered for the conference. Workshops will include: Skills for Women Who Preach, Women and Developmental Theory, The Two-Career Family, and Building Networks for Resourcing, Placement, and Support.

To register, send your name, address, and $10 registration fee to Sara Covin Juengst, Associate Director of Advanced Studies at Columbia.□

Jamaica trip

COME TO JAMAICA, not just to be a tourist, but to enter into a serious learning experience about its culture: religious, political, economic, social. Based at the United Theological College in Kingston, the group will hear lectures by Jamaica's leaders, have guided tours of the countryside and urban ministries, eat Jamaican food, participate in Jamaican theater and music and learn about the way our two countries influence one another. For both clergy and laity. Contact the Office of Continuing Education for more information.□

Study tour to China: May 23-June 18

COLUMBIA SEMINARY, ALONG with the Interdenominational Theological Center, Erskine Theological Seminary, and the Division of International Mission of the PC(USA), will sponsor a travel seminar to China May 23 - June 18. Leaders of the tour are Dr. and Mrs. G. Thompson Brown and Dr. and Mrs. D. Leander Swann.

Associate Professor of World Christianity at Columbia, Dr. Brown is also China Liaison for the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Browns have led several tour groups to China, the last one in 1984 with Dr. and Mrs. Davison Philips. The Browns are former missionaries to Korea. Dr. Swann is Professor of Missiology and World Religions at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta and a former Presbyterian missionary to China and India. Mrs. Swann serves as Staff Associate in the Office of Global Awareness for the Division of International Mission.

The tour will focus on exploring the amazing rebirth of the church in China, the cultural and social context of life in post-Mao China, and the theological significance of China for Christians in the United States. Academic credit can be given for theological students in the basic or advanced programs.

The tour, for which study materials will be provided, begins with a four-day study and orientation at the Tao Fong Shan Ecumenical Centre in Hong Kong. Cities in China to be visited are Shanghai, Hangzhou, Nanjing, Beijing, Xian, Guilin, and Guangzhou (Canton).

The tour's highlights will include visiting historical, cultural, and religious sites, conversations with Christian leaders, observation of life in urban and rural China, a visit to Nanjing Seminary, and experiences of worship in China's crowded churches. The tour will conclude with a period of time for reflection and sharing on the China experience and its significance for American Christians.

In speaking of his tour with Dr. Brown, President Philips said, "I commend this travel seminar for many reasons but particularly these: because he grew up in China, Professor Brown has personal ties with church leaders which open many doors with the Christian Church, and his leadership is tremendous!"

The tour price, which includes round trip economy fare from Atlanta and first class hotels, meals, trains, guide service and transfers in China, is $2,950. For further information, write or call G. Thompson Brown at Columbia Seminary, 404/378-8821.□

For the Record

If you have recent news you would like to contribute to this section, please send it to the editor.

Erskine Love, member of Columbia's Board of Directors, was featured in the cover story for the October issue of *Business Atlanta*. He was named the Atlanta 100 Entrepreneur of the Year. Mr. Love is founder and president of Printpack, Inc.....**Oscar Hussel**, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Columbia, represented Columbia at the inauguration of David Ramage as President of McCormick Theological Seminary in October.....**Sidney L. Leak '83** was recently promoted to major in the Mississippi Army National Guard.....**Kathryn Thorensen '84** was writer for *A Guide to Parenting Programs: An Appraisal of Seven Courses Used by Churches*, which was just published through the Office of Family Ministries.

Walter Coddington '68 took second place in the picture contest in the September issue of *Presbyterian Survey*. His picture was of St. James Church in Tower, MN.....**Thomas R. Atkins '77** is a Navy chaplain in London, where he has been for almost three years. In April he will report to Camp LeJeune, NC, for duty with the Fleet Marine Force.....**Charles Cousar '58**, Professor of New Testament at Columbia, taught a three-month course for young adults, "Survey of the New Testament," at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta from September through November. He led a continuing education seminar for ministers on "Preaching during Advent" at St. Andrews College in October and completed an expository article on Luke 5:29-35 for the January '86 issue of *Interpretation*. Dr. Cousar attended the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Anaheim in November.

Caroline Leach '72, Columbia's Associate Dean of Students, attended the Women in Ministry conference sponsored by the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion which met in October in Savannah. The theme was "Blindspots and Breakthroughs in Women in Ministry."....**Robert Ramey**, Professor of Ministry at Columbia, led a spiritual growth retreat for the First Presbyterian Church of Rockingham, NC, and a peacemaking workshop for the Presbytery of South Mississippi in October. In November he led a leadership skills workshop in Augusta and a spiritual growth retreat for Trinity Church in Clearwater, FL. He is in Jamaica in January with Professor **Erskine Clarke '66** and a group of Columbia students and will begin a sabbatic leave in February.

Charles L. Evans '78 is a missionary in Zaire and is back in America on a six-months' home assignment, living at Mission Haven. He is itinerating in the Synod of the Southeast.....**Jasper Keith**, (S.T.D. '79), Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Columbia, led a marriage enrichment retreat in Clayton, GA, for couples from the First Presbyterian Church in Athens in October. He moderated the General Assembly of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education and completed a two-year term as president in November in San Diego. Dr. Keith has been elected a commissioner to the '86 General Assembly, PC(USA), by Atlanta Presbytery.....**Catherine Mason '82** and husband, Jay Wilkins, have moved to Virginia Beach. She is an assistant pastor, Director of Children's Ministry, at First Presbyterian of Hampton, VA.

Bill Q. Goforth '61 is a retired Army chaplain. Since 1983 he has been pastor of the Fairmount Presbyterian Church in Bristol, TN.....**Mark Jumper '82** is a Navy chaplain. His first assignment is with the First Tracked Vehicle Battalion of the Third Marine Division, stationed on Okinawa, Japan.....**Shirley Guthrie**, Professor of Systematic Theology at Columbia, taught a course in Cocoa Beach at a lay school co-sponsored by the Synods of the South and of Florida in October. He led a lay education event at Mo Ranch, TX, taught at an officers' retreat for Mt. Pleasant, SC, Presbyterian Church, and attended the American Academy of Religion Conference in Anaheim in November. He participated in the Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue sponsored by the World Reformed Alliance in Venice, Italy, in early January. Dr. Guthrie is serving on the Atlanta Presbytery Council.

William F. Henning '56 is executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Arkansas.....**Frank Colloday '78**, who is pastor of Dahlonega Presbyterian, is on the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Alcohol Network.....**Charles Dillman** (Th.M. '68) has been promoted to chairman of the Division of Philosophy and Religion at Spring Arbor College in Michigan.....**Ben Dunagan '60** retired in July and is serving his church, First Presbyterian of Holly Springs, MS, one additional year before he retires to golfing, gardening, and traveling.....**Jack Gleason** (Th.M. '70) is associate director of the chaplaincy department for Indiana University Hospitals in Indianapolis.

Olin Whitener '76, Columbia's Associate Director of Development, is muderator of Bethel Presbytery.....**Sara Covin Juengst '83**, Associate Director of Advanced Studies at Columbia, attended a writer's conference for the new "Faith Discovery" curriculum sponsored by the Joint Educational Development Committee in October and led a workshop on "Faith Journeys" at the Synod of the Southeast Women's Concern Event on Nov. 13 at Hickory Knob, SC. Ms. Juengst represented the seminary at a National Seminary Faculty Briefing Conference sponsored by the AARP and the National Interfaith Coalition on Aging in Washington, DC, Nov. 11-13. She led a "Tabletalk" faculty discussion at Oglethorpe University on the Apostles' Creed and discussions on "Faith Journeys" at Shallowford Presbyterian Church in November.

Brian Childs, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Counseling at Columbia, had published in October a chapter, "Community Service Setting," in *Clinical Handbook of Pastoral Counseling*.....**Ben Johnson**, Associate Professor of Evangelism at Columbia, led a spiritual formation retreat for Air Force chaplains' wives at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, NM, and a "Faith Discovery Weekend" training event at Columbia attended by 70 ministers in October. In November he led an officers' retreat for the First Church in Charleston, WV, gave the keynote address and did a "Friend-maker for God" workshop for the Carlisle Presbytery's "Presbytery Day" in Mechanicsburg, PA. He preached at the Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, and led an all-day evangelism workshop. Dr. Johnson led a "Faith Discovery Weekend" training event in Albemarle Presbytery in December and an evangelism workshop for First Church, Brandon, FL, in January.

William Russell '63 (Th.M. '65) has been appointed Visiting Professor of Pastoral Care at Union Seminary for the current academic year. Dr. Russell was elected chairman of the National Certification Committee for the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education; he is serving a two-year term. Director of pastoral care at Richmond Memorial Hospital and an adjunct professor at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Dr. Russell is the permanent stated supply at Ampthill Presbyterian Church. He is a supervisor in the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education and a diplomate in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.....**Lucy Rose**, Assistant Professsor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia, was preacher and lecturer at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC, in October.

Rebekah Taylor '81 and **Ed Trimmer**, Assistant Professor of Christian Education at Columbia, were married July 23 in Penfield, GA. **Paul Smith**, Adjunct Professor of Black History and Identity at Columbia, performed the ceremony. Ms. Trimmer is stated supply at the Lexington, GA, Presbyterian Church.....**David Moessner**, Associate Professor of New Testament at Columbia, presided over the Synoptic Gospels section at the annual national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Anaheim, CA, in November. Dr. Moessner has been listed in the 1985 volume of *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

Peter Carruthers '73 (Th.M. '83), Columbia's Dean of Students, was the guest retreat speaker and group leader for the annual Family Weekend Conference at Lake Pointe, Eufaula, AL, in late October for the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, GA. He was the guest speaker and retreat leader for the Young Adult Retreat at Montreat, NC, for Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta and the study leader on "Teen Suicide" for Youth of Decatur Presbyterian Church at Camp Calvin in November.....**G. Thompson Brown**, Associate Professor of World Christianity at Columbia, spoke at Cherokee Presbytery in October and was the keynote speaker at Holston Presbytery Dec. 7.

Frederick O. Bonkovsky, Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia, continues as chair of the University Center interdepartmental faculties of religion. Dr. Bonkovsky has been appointed co-chair of the Southeast (US) task force on bio-ethics, a World Health Organization related group of medical practitioners and related professionals. He gave the keynote lecture at the fall conference on Peacemaking in the Nuclear Era at the Hague, the Netherlands, and attended the Fulbright Conference on Education in the Eighties in October.....**James Wooten '83** has been called as associate pastor to John Knox Church in Marietta, GA.....**Ted**

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BIRTHS

Tu McFaddin '78 and Anna Spann, a son, William MacLaine, Jan. 15, 1985.
To Richard '80 and Theresa Gillespie, twin sons, Samuel Bryan and William Wicklin, Aug. 9, 1985.
Tu Hugh '80 and Sandy Hamilton, a daughter, Lindsay Beck, Sept. 4, 1985.
To Cliff '80 and Lisa McLeod, a son, Cliff Hill, III, Sept. 22, 1985.
To Don '82 and Colleen Frampton, a son, Donald Harris, Aug. 20, 1985.
To Marc '84 and Melanie Sherrod, a son, Caleb Gray, Oct. 20, 1985.
To Ron '86 and Catherine Hilliard, a son, Andrew Thomas, Sept. 30, 1985.
To Marcus '88 and Ellen Barber, a daughter, Margaret, Nov. 14, 1985.

DEATHS

Quincy Huneycutt '21, Sept. 20, 1985.
T. Harry Eckhoff '54 and '61, Sept. 5, 1985.
Earl W. Hall '62, Sept. 22, 1985.

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Land (D.Min. '84) has been named pastor of the First Church, Arcadia, FL.

In October **John Patton,** Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Columbia, lectured on the problem of human forgiveness at the Methodist Medical Center in Memphis and on "Ministerial Authority: Given and Discovered" at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Covington, KY. He has published a book, *Is Human Forgiveness Possible? A Pastoral Care Perspective*.....C. **Benton Kline,** continues as acting director of the Council on Theology and Culture. He is chair of the task force to prepare the official response to the Faith and Order paper, *Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry*, and continues to serve on another task force on the *Theology of Compensation*. Dr. Kline spoke to a workshop for moderators of Candidates Committees and Committees on Ministry of the Synods of the Mid-South, South, Southeast, and Florida on "Theological Issues in the Call to Ministry."

David Gunn, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia, for three weeks in September and October led a Bible study on the book of Jonah at Columbia Presbyterian Church and another Bible study in November at First Church, Columbus, GA. He attended the Society of Biblical Literature's annual meeting in Anaheim where he presided at a meeting of the Biblical Criticism and Literary Criticism Section and gave a presentation with Professor Robert Alter of UC Berkeley on the new *Harvard Literary Guide to the Bible*.☐

Alumnae in the parish

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Joanna represents the church in several organizations. She was a founding chairperson for the Homeless Task Force and has been president of the Christian Council, the largest religious service and advocacy group in Atlanta.

"My motivation is a religious one. I believe that outreach is an essential part of Christianity and that the gospel should be brought down to earth. I am a generalist who enjoys pastoral work as well as dealing with the problems of homeless people."

She says, "I've appreciated the support and advocacy of Columbia," and she inspires the seminary with her energy. She became the first woman president of the Alumni/ae Association of Columbia in 1984 and is the Alumni/ae Association representative on the search committee for a new president.

The Rev. Merritt Nickinson received her degree from Columbia in 1984 and went directly to Scotland for a two-year program as an associate minister. She serves a 400-member church in Edinburgh which is connected both to the Congregational Church and to the Church of Scotland.

In addition to usual parish responsibilities, Ms. Nickinson coordinated a large visitation project in her parish. She explains, "It is a new experience for me to have a geographical parish where the surrounding families technically belong to the parish church. We have about 900 homes within the parish and visited each one to invite the families to come to the church." Merritt works with a developing Christian education program for adults and also participates in the projects group. The visitation program was initially sponsored by the projects group.

Ms. Nickinson will assume full responsibiliry for the church when the senior minister comes to Columbia for three months to teach. She will also add a part-time position as chaplain for a hospital.

Merritt had not initially planned to go abroad but applied for this position when she found out about it at Columbia. She claims, "From the moment I stepped off the plane, I have not regretted my decision to come." Merritt will return from her international experience in September and will begin to look for a church in the United States.

Columbia Seminary's women graduates continue to venture out and face new opportunities and challenges. In addition to positions as solo pastors and associate pastors, Columbia's alumnae have found opportunities in chaplaincies, teaching, supply and interim work, graduate study, pastoral counseling, administrative work, and other areas of service. President Philips affirms that Columbia's women in ministry will continue to provide "enduring leadership" in the call to faith.☐

Sarah Speed '88

President Joe Patrick led the President's Advisory Council, which met Nov. 1.

Development/Seminary Relations

By James F. Dickenson
Vice President, Development/Seminary Relations

Columbia's long-range plan

As someone recently said, "Columbia Seminary is on a roll!" With our recent additions to the faculty, plus the announced endowment passing $20,000,000, all blending with the many other creative programs which the Seminary has developed, it does appear Columbia is moving swiftly.

In April 1984 the Board of Directors adopted the "Toward 2000" Committee Report, a 26-page document giving direction for the institution into the early years of the next century. At a later meeting the Board adopted a set of figures which covered those needs in terms of cost.

The plan calls for $45,000,000 to be secured by the year 2000. If this appears to be ambitious, it is. However, it is a "doable" goal and well within range, based on Columbia's growing reputation and strengths. The plan is divided into three phases. Phase I, '86 - '88, calls for $6,000,000; Phase II, '89 - '94, calls for $25,000,000 (primarily Synod campaigns); Phase III, '95-2000, calls for $14,000,000. Each phase could produce more or less, but for the 15-year period, the ultimate goal will be achieved.

These financial projections were not put together overnight. They required research as to potential needs for the next 15 years, they mandated a realistic look at financial sources from all constituencies, and they needed to point in the direction of strong service to the Church for decades to come. These questions were asked, "Where does Columbia want to be in the year 2000?" "What does it need to do the best work of any seminary in the world?"

As you can see in the chart below, all areas have been covered, including an item of $5,000,000 for unforeseen needs, which leaves plenty of room in the mid-90's for developing new programs.

Every two or three years this plan will be reviewed and evaluated, and perhaps additions or deletions will be made according to the state of the Church, the economy, and the needs of the seminary.

Fifteen-Year Financial Development Plan

Funds to be secured from 1985 to 2000

	Projections
Department endowment	$ 5,000,000
Library endowment	1,000,000
Scholarship student aid endowment	10,000,000
Advanced Studies Program endowment	2,000,000
International Program endowment	1,000,000
20 faculty chairs	15,000,000
Continuing Ed and Media Center Building	2,000,000
Physical Ed Building	2,000,000
Plant endowment fund	1,000,000
Supervised Ministries endowment	1,000,000
Unforeseen needs	5,000,000
	$ 45,000,000

Phase I		
1985-1986	Buildings, scholarships, endowment	$ 2,000,000
1987-1988	Chairs, scholarships, programs	4,000,000
Phase II		
1989-1994	Major capital campaign (3 Synods)	25,000,000
Phase III		
1995-1996	Endowment, scholarships, etc.	4,000,000
1997-1998	Unforeseen needs, endowment, etc.	5,000,000
1999-2000	Into 21st century	5,000,000
		$ 45,000,000

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The Women of Columbia hung an oil painting by the late Jane Robbins Ramey in Campbell Hall as a memorial to her years as advisor for WOC. Present at the dedication were Dr. Philips; Fran Bragan, '85 WOC president; Professor Robert Ramey; and Karen Harmon, '86 WOC president.

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